## **Claims**

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- 1. Use of invert soaps for disinfecting and cleaning surfaces of devices, characterized in that the invert soap contains at least one branched alkyl chain, selected from nonyl, dodecyl and tridecyl.
- 2. The use according to claim 1, wherein the invert soap contains an additional long-chain alkyl group as well as two short-chain alkyl groups.

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- 3. The use according to claim 1, wherein the compound is isononyldecyldimethylammoniumchloride or ethylhexylisotridecyldimethylammoniumchloride.
- 4. The use according to any of the claims 1 to 3, wherein the surface to be treated is a surface of medical devices.
  - 5. The use according to claim 4, wherein the medical device is an endoscope or a dental suction device.
- 20 6. The use according to any of the preceding claims wherein the agent is used at a temperature in the range of from 40 to 60 °C.